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**Lt. Governor André Bauer and State Senate Recognize
Lexington County Resident Tom Lloyd as “Senior of the Day”**

(Columbia, S.C.) West Columbia resident Tom Lloyd received recognition from state legislators on Tuesday (January 16) for his support of aging and help in building and promoting organizations that foster strong, vital senior communities in South Carolina.

Lloyd was introduced as the “Senior of the Day” in the historic Senate chambers of the Statehouse by Lexington Senator Nikki Setzler. Lloyd has served as Speaker of South Carolina’s Silver Haired Legislature since 2003. The group was created to advise state lawmakers on issues of importance to South Carolina’s senior community. In 2004, state lawmakers placed responsibility for leading the state’s aging programs with Lt. Governor André Bauer. According to Lt. Governor Bauer, who created the recognition program, having a “Senior of the Day” each day the legislature is in session serves two purposes.

“Number one, it’s just a small way to give some credit where credit is due to some of the tremendous people that we have in this state’s senior community who are giving a great deal of themselves as volunteers and advocates on behalf of their fellow seniors,” says Bauer. “Number two, we are hoping it will also serve as a daily reminder to lawmakers about the importance of aging issues to the future of our state and help educate them about some of the things that we need to do to help the state prepare for the demographic changes coming our way over the next two decades.”

In Lexington County, the 65 and older population grew from 14,897 in 1990 to 21,989 in 2000, an increase of 47.6 percent, according to the South Carolina “Mature Adults Count profile (www.scmatureadults.org).

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Statewide, the growth of the mature adult population outpaced other age groups from 1990 to 2000, with a 33 percent growth rate. In 2000, South Carolina boasted 485,300 residents 65 and older, a number that increased by approximately 100,000 residents each decade from 1950 to 1990, and by 90,900 residents from 1990 to 2000. This was an increase of 322 percent from 1950 to 2000. Experts expect that the mature adult population will comprise one third of South Carolina's residents by the year 2015.

For more information about the "Senior of the Day" recognition program or to nominate a senior in your community, contact Frank Adams or David Lucas in the South Carolina Lt. Governor's Office at (803) 734-9900 or 1-800-868-9095.

Did You Know?

About 1.1 million people who are 65 and over are expected to live in South Carolina in 2030, compared with 485,333 people in 2000.

In 2000, South Carolina ranked 32nd in the nation for the highest percentage of people age 65 and older. By 2030, the state is projected to rank 15th in the nation.

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Lt. Governor André Bauer congratulates Tom Lloyd of Lexington for being named "Senior of the Day" in the South Carolina Senate for January 16, 2007

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